

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Amendments

The Applicants have cancelled claims 11, 13, 19-20, 22, 30 and 36-39. Accordingly, claims 3-4, 7, 14, 16-17, 24, 27-28 and 32-33 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 4, 7, 16-17, 24, 32-33 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laiho (US 6,061,572) in view of Nguyen (US Publication No. 2002/0111167). Nguyen, an application that is commonly owned by Applicant, has a priority date of February 13, 2001 and was published August 15, 2002. The present application was filed July 19, 2001. Included here in is a Declaration of Common Ownership with respect to US Serial No. 2002/0111167. Based on the foregoing, under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(c), Nguyen is properly excludable as a reference.

Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined system of Laiho and Nguyen in view of Sexton (US 6,614,772). As noted above, Nguyen is properly excludable as a reference under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(c).

Claims 11, 38, and 19-20 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laiho in view of Spielman, et al (US 6,560,318). Claims 11, 38 and 19-20 have been cancelled rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 13, 22 and 30 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laiho in view of Heutschi (US 6,968,383). Claims 13, 22 and 30 have been cancelled rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 27 and 28 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laiho in view of Nguyen and in further view of Spielman.

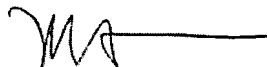
Claims 36 and 39 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laiho in view of Patel (US 6,400,950). Claims 36 and 39 have been cancelled rendering this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for Claims 3-4, 7, 14, 16-17, 24, 27-28 and 32-33.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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